

James Walker Fowler House
(Captain Thomas S. Walker House)
(Walker-Marvel House)
53 Ann Street
Newburgh
Orange County
New York

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Location: 53 Ann Street, Newburgh, Orange County, New York.

Present Owner: Max and Sylvia Katz.

Present Occupant: Tenants.

Present Use: Apartments.

Significance: Built c.1850 by James Walker Fowler, prominent citizen of Newburgh, the house was owned at one time by Captain Thomas S. Marvel, a prosperous Newburgh merchant and owner of the Marvel Shipyard.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: c.1850.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and subsequent owners:

c.1850	Built by James Walker Fowler
1861	Sold to Gilbert Millspaugh
1865	Gilbert Millspaugh To Isaac Garrison
1892	Catherine Amelia Garrison To Captain Thomas Marvel
1918	Jane Marvel To Abram D. and Grace A. Fowler

Upon the death of Grace A. Fowler the property was sold to a Mr. Deegan. Subsequent owners were Michael De Vaato and Sylvia Katz.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: Three stories with a full basement, 32' x 32' on a rectangular plan. (For floor plans see data pages 4 and 5.
2. Foundations: The foundations are stone and mortar.
3. Walls: The first and second stories of the house are brick with stucco, now painted white.
4. Porches, stoops, balconies: The front porch is approximately eight feet by six feet and is covered with lattice-work.

The rear porch is approximately six feet by six feet.

5. Roof: The mansard roof (thought to be a later addition) is shingled in fish-scale shingles.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: See data pages 4 and 5.
2. Stairways: The main stairway has dark turned balusters and newel.
3. Flooring: Oak flooring in thin strips on the first floor and wide planks on the second and third.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster (said to be of Rosendale mortar).
5. Heating: Originally all of the rooms had fireplaces; these were sealed by 1918, but the mantels in the parlor and dining room were retained.

The present heating is oil-fired hot water.

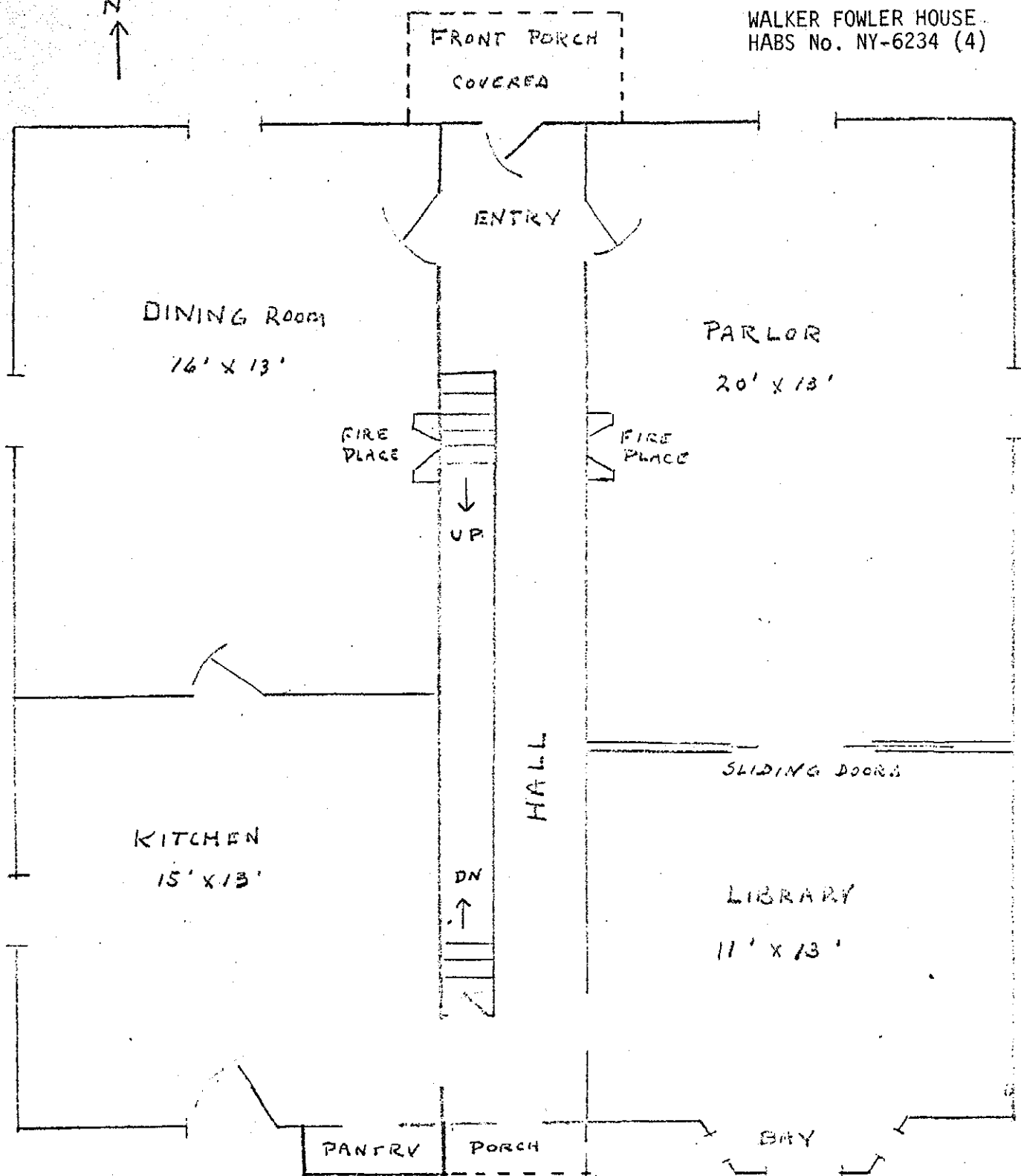
D. Site:

1. General setting: The house faces north on Ann Street and is located across Washington Street from the Hasbrouck House [Washington's Headquarters, (HABS No. NY-4131).]
2. Outbuildings: There are now fourteen garages at the south end of the property. Originally a stable-carriage house stood on that site.

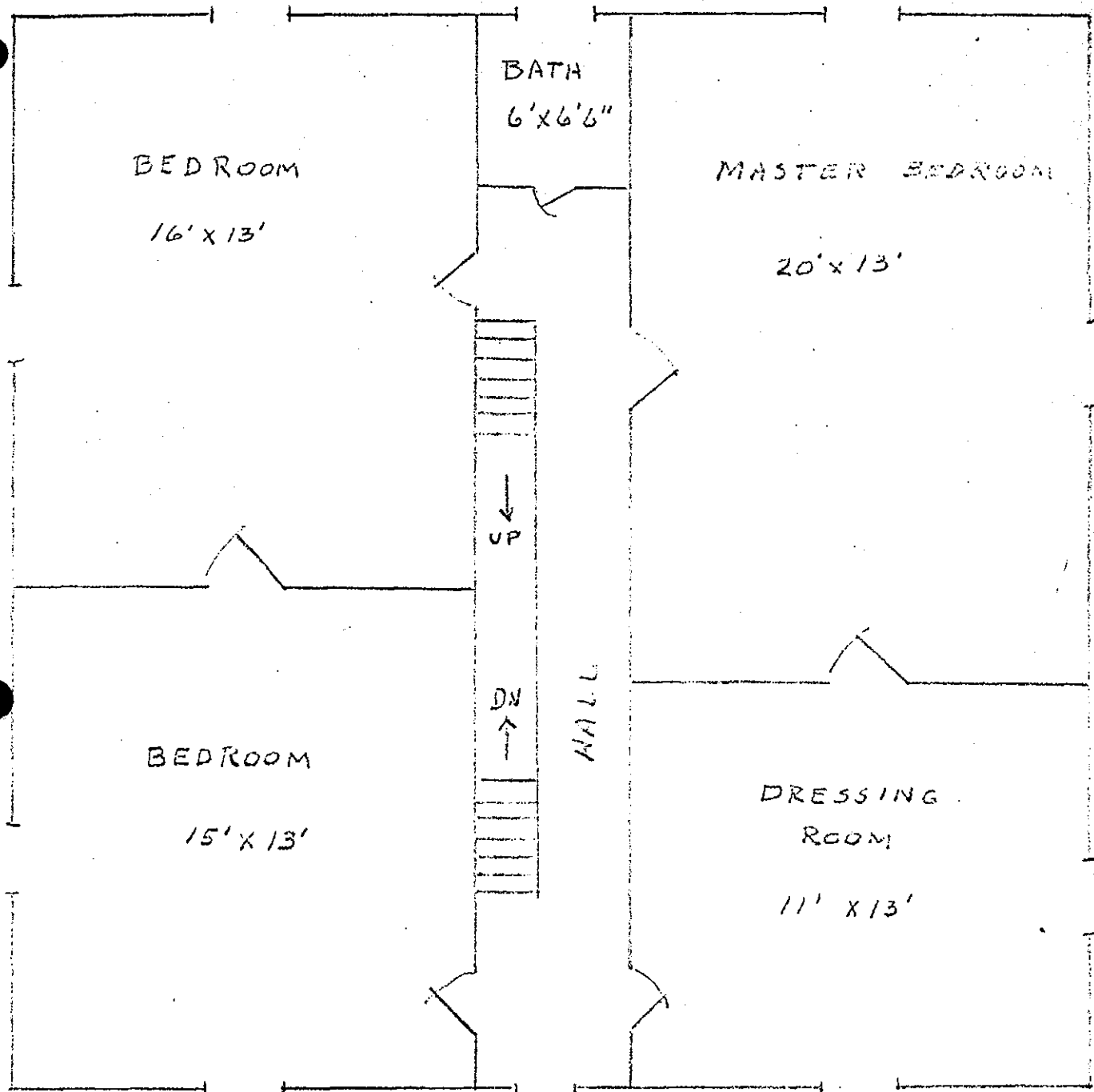
3. Landscaping: Before 1940 an arbor extended from a flagstone terrace, seventy-five feet south, and was flanked by roses and flower gardens. Additional gardens flanked the lawn on the east and west.

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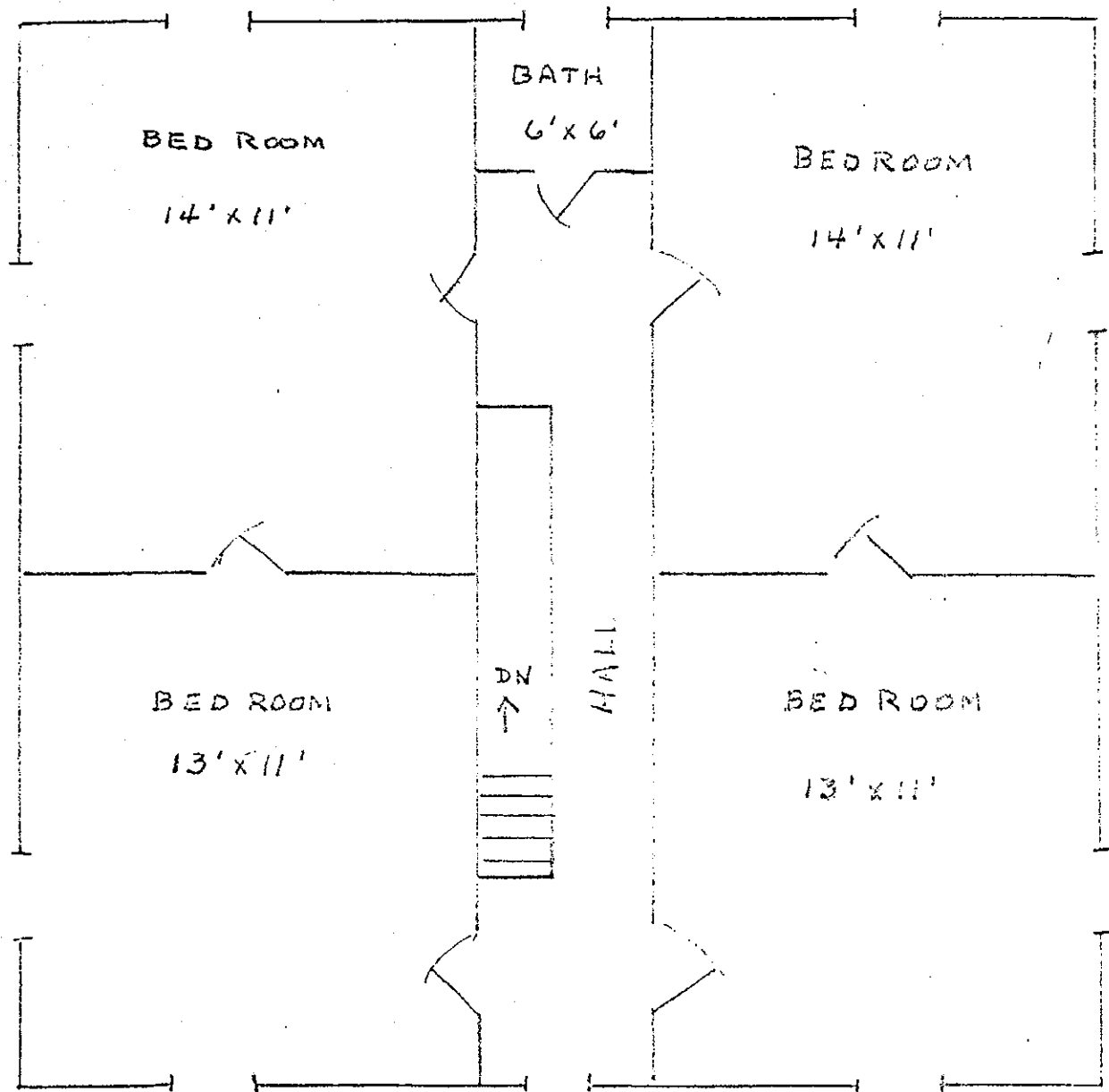
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